

21 APR 1947

Senator E. D. Dickelopper  
Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator Dickelopper:

Thank you for your letter of 12 April in which you request the establishment of immediate liaison with the Central Intelligence Group in order to secure all information which will assist your Committee in performing its duty under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

Within our field of responsibility you may be certain that we will be most happy to cooperate with your Committee. To this end, I have designated [REDACTED] (Executive 6115 - Ext. 682) as my point of contact and the official to whom you can refer such matters for our consideration.

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For your information, the Central Intelligence Group, the operating agency of the National Intelligence Authority, does not have cognizance of problems relating to the development, use and control of atomic energy within the United States. We ourselves must rely upon the Atomic Energy Commission and other governmental scientific agencies to obtain sufficient background information in order to collect and produce foreign intelligence in the field of nuclear energy.

Under directives of the President and the National Intelligence Authority, we are restricted solely to activities in the field of foreign intelligence.

I deeply appreciate your interest in the Central Intelligence Group, and I shall be glad to confer with you personally at any time.

Sincerely,

HATT S. VANDENBESS  
Lieut. General USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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cc: Atomic Energy Commission  
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